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Member Spotlight
Anna Peltier, PLA

I am a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) because... There are several reasons why I am an Allied member of the AIA. I originally became a member, almost 7 years ago now, for the educational aspect. There are interesting topics that get discussed at the membership and committee meetings that I may not be exposed to otherwise and I wanted to be involved in the COTE committee. Since joining, I have met so many great people and have made a lot of friends through the organization, so the social aspect is now a leading reason that I remain a member. And last, but certainly not least, as the owner of a landscape architecture firm, the AIA is one of the easiest ways for me to meet potential clients face-to-face. The networking opportunities provided by AIA have been an important part of our marketing plan since I started the company. In short, I came for the content, but I stayed for the people.

I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (where we often refer to ourselves as Yoopers) and in late June of 2007, I moved to Las Vegas after graduating from the Landscape Architecture program at Michigan State University. I started at Michigan State studying vocal performance, opera specifically, but didn't feel that was the right fit for a lifetime gig so I met with various program directors from the school to explore other options. Horticulture and Architecture were interesting but with Landscape Architecture it was love at first sight. I had never really imagined myself as a business owner but after back-to-back layoffs during the recession (cue tiny violin) I had tough decision; look for work out-of-state, change professions, or start my own thing. By then I had already fallen in love with Las Vegas and now-husband so moving didn't seem feasible. I also could not bear the idea of not practicing landscape architecture, so in 2013 Aria Landscape Architecture was born. Since taking that first and uncertain step of starting a business, I have whole heartedly embraced the role and I hope to be working in and on Aria until I am too senile to do so.

What is the most important thing you've learned?

To be a better designer you need to experience everything you possibly can. Experience different countries, different cultures, different design techniques, different ways of thinking and allow yourself to put it into your work. This can be said of many professions and I am actually borrowing and adapting it from something Chuck Palahniuk said at a book reading of his I attended in college. His answer to how he came up with such great stories was to hang out with the craziest people, go to the craziest places, survive, and write about it. The more diverse the experiences, the more tools in your design toolbox.

What do you believe needs to be the next area of innovation in our profession? Well, in light of the pandemic, I'd have to say design that can better adapt and continue to function during times when the population needs to keep its distance from each other and that can be reactionary to help protect the different users. I also think we are on the cusp of blending mental health and design in a more meaningful way that can help people cope better during heightened times of stress and isolation.

If you were to change one thing about our profession today what would it be? Timing! I would love if all projects could work in additional collaboration time up front and really promote an integrated design approach. The projects we've worked on with this sort of mentality always seem to end with a better result and with more value to the end user.

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ANNA PELTIER, PLA

Where will you be in 20 years? HA! Have you got all day? The 20-year plan is long (the 3-year plan alone is 2 ½ pages). The short version: I will still be running my firm, but under a different name (our rebrand was delayed by Covid-19 but is coming soon) and likely with partners by then, I'll be working on international projects and having the time of my life. The plan is to have a main research/education studio in Las Vegas with satellite offices wherever I feel like working. In 20 years, it may be a reality, or I may still be actively working toward the goal. Either way, it is going to be an adventure.

SHARE YOUR PROJECT IMAGES ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

AIA Architects in Las Vegas are producing some of the most beautiful and innovative architecture in the world. We'd like to highlight and feature these projects on our Social Media platforms. All we need is for you to send us a photo(s) that we can use on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Linked In.....to recognize your firm's work.

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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I trust you had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend and your time was enjoyed with family and friends at a safe distance, of course. Memorial Day is about honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. I am thankful and grateful to all who have served in the military to protect our freedom. Unofficially, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer. Woefully, this Memorial Day was followed by a series of 108- and 109-degree days. I do hope this is not a prediction of an unbearably hot Las Vegas summer.

On April 15, 2020, AIA national held a board meeting where the Board of Directors approved the AIA Climate Action Plan and 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. For the Climate Action Plan, full details will be released in the near future providing guidance to help architects achieve progress under three overarching goals:

Mitigating the sources: By actively addressing the building industry's footprint as a primary contributing source of operational and embodied carbon, architects have a major role to play in catalyzing the industry in advancing zero-carbon projects, products, policies, initiatives, research, and education.

Adapting to the impacts: By designing buildings and communities to anticipate and adapt to the evolving challenge of climate change, our spaces, buildings, structures, and communities become more resilient and high performing.

Catalyzing architects to act: To lead transformation in the building industry, architects must commit, engage, lead by example, and work collaboratively with our extensive partner network to holistically effect the magnitude of change we are driving toward.

For the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, one of the principal focus is on the priority of Climate Action for Human and Ecological Health. As you can discern from both the approved Climate Action and Strategic Plans, AIA has put a strong emphasis on taking action to mitigate Climate Change. AIA staff will now begin to prioritize and operationalize this plan into the next three to five years of planning.

This month's virtual Membership Meeting will bring the topic of Zero Code, which is a national and international building energy standard for new building construction that integrates cost-effective energy efficiency standards with on-site and/or off-site renewable energy resulting in zero-net-carbon buildings. Our speaker will be Vincent Martinez from Architecture 2030. Mr. Martinez has been working to solve the climate crisis by catalyzing global building decarbonization efforts through the development and activation of robust networks focused on private sector commitments, education, training, and public policies.

Plan to attend our June Membership meeting on the Zero Code and all our exciting virtual meeting and events we have planned in the coming months.

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As always, stay healthy, stay positive and stay Vegas Strong!

Sincerely,



Lance J. Kirk, AIA, LEED AP



COVID-19 News Update

Please check the **AIA LV CODID-19 UPDATE** page on the www.aialasvegas.org website. News from AIA National and from the CDC and on the State and Federal levels is happening almost too quickly to keep up. But AIA LV will be posting daily to the website and sending constant contact notices to keep you informed.



LANCE KIRK, AIA



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REVISED PLANNING FOR AIA LAS VEGAS MEETINGS & EVENTS

AIA Las Vegas always has the greatest concern for the health and safety of the members, friends and supporters of the Chapter. In this time of uncertainty and caution, the leadership of the Chapter has determined that it is in the best interest of our members and supporters to cancel all in-person events for the remainder of 2020. Since we do not know the extent to which the COVID-19 virus may yet impact our community, and we do not know what measures of social distancing may still be required for the remainder of the year, we feel it is necessary and in the best interest of all concerned to adjust our planned events in order to provide maximum safety.

We will be providing VIRTUAL online meetings and events throughout the remainder of the year. For instance, the “Coffee with an Architect” virtual meetings will continue to be held monthly, the EPYAF “Been There, Survived That” meetings will continue, our June Member Meeting, Women In Architecture Meetings, Continuing Education classes and seminars and other exciting programs will all be scheduled and announced throughout the remainder of the year.

Two of our most popular, exciting and necessary fundraising events are the AIA Las Vegas Learn About/Turn About Product Show, and the 47th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament both of which were scheduled for September this year. However, we have adjusted both of these events in order to continue to provide them in a manner that will best benefit our members, teams, exhibitors and attendees.

The annual Learn About/Turn About Product Show scheduled as an in-person event for Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020, will become a VIRTUAL Product Show, providing our Allied Members and Exhibitors with the opportunity to introduce and share their products and services with our members, firm principals, and decision makers in an online setting. Specific information on the VIRTUAL Product Show for exhibitors and attendees will be provided as soon as arrangements have been confirmed. There are 25 booth spaces still available for the VIRTUAL Product Show, if interested in securing one, act now and contact klavigne@aianevada.org

The 47th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament is being postponed and rescheduled for Monday, May 10th 2021. This tournament will be held exactly as planned for this year as a Scramble tournament with the winning low gross and low net teams being inscribed on the AIA Golf Trophy. Sponsors, teams and individual players may secure their places in the 2021 Tournament by requesting AIA LV to apply their payments for this year's tournament for the 2021 Tournament. In this way their places as sponsors and teams will be secured for next year. There are still several excellent sponsor opportunities as well as 20 Team spots available for the May 2021 Tournament. To secure one or more, act now and contact klavigne@aianevada.org

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

Due to the changes brought about by social distancing we are connecting more virtually these days, and some feel this is not likely to change in the future. Meeting virtually actually highlights our interest and participation more than most meetings that are held in person around a table. This being the case we should all work to present our best selves in these meetings by practicing Virtual Meeting Etiquette. Here are a few thoughts on how to present your best self if you are a speaker or panelist in a virtual meeting.



1. One of the benefits of a virtual meeting is that we get to see each other on screen. We get to connect and respond to each other conveniently and safely, so make sure you are actually present on screen. Using a photo of yourself as a stand in, or an avatar actually sends the message that you are not interested or concerned with the meeting. If at all possible make the effort to be present in-person on the screen with everyone else.
2. Be Engaged, Face Forward and Pay Attention. If you've made the time to attend the meeting, then be there. Don't spend the time looking through your desk, at your phone, or checking your email. Pay attention and keep up with the discussion.
3. Be a part of the conversation. Respond to the issues being discussed. Be careful not to interrupt, but be ready to join in and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns.
4. Stay on topic and focus on the purpose of the meeting. Sometimes the conversation will trigger a memory or a related incident and before you know it the discussion has been taken far off topic. Humans are easily distracted when reminded of a related topic, person or event so try to stay focused on the pertinent subject. Try not to name drop or wander away from the discussions purpose.
5. Respect the Moderator, and let him/her lead the discussion but be ready to be an active participant, respond to questions and assist in exploring the subject and adding to the substance of the meeting.

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AIA LAS VEGAS VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THE JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS "GETTING TO ZERO" FEATURING VINCENT MARTINEZ

AIA Las Vegas Member Meetings Must Go On!!! Even though we can't meet in person, AIA LV will continue our 2020 focus on Climate Change by providing our June Member Meeting online, via Zoom. Our special guest speaker is Vincent Martinez, AIA – Chief Operating Officer for Architecture 2030 who will be providing "Getting to Zero", an informative and inspiring guide for architects and design professionals to the methods and techniques to reach zero-net-carbon buildings.

Through his 13-year tenure at Architecture 2030, Vincent Martinez has been working to solve the climate crisis by catalyzing global building de-carbonization efforts through the development and activation of robust networks focused on private sector commitments, education, training, and public policies. As COO, Vincent executes Architecture 2030's goals by coordinating their exceptional staff on strategic, impactful projects and programs. Vincent also helps set the organization's vision and currently leads Architecture 2030's work on urban zero-net-carbon buildings and public policy, including the ZERO Code, Achieving Zero framework, and Zero Cities Project with 11 leading US cities.



Vincent was the 2018 Chair of the American Institute of Architects' Energy Leaders Group and is a member of the AIA 2030 Commitment Working Group. He is an honorary member of AIA Seattle and was named an Emerging Leader by the Design Futures Council in 2015.

To join the meeting please [CLICK HERE to register....](#) And you will receive JOIN instructions via email as we near the date. Vincent will begin the "**Getting to Zero**" presentation at 6:00PM and will provide time for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. This program is registered for 1.5 CE/HSW Credits. In order to receive the credits you **MUST be registered and in attendance** for the presentation.

An advertisement for Southwick LA Landscape Architects. It features a photograph of a landscape at sunset with a low sun on the horizon and silhouettes of trees in the foreground. The company name "southwick" is in large white letters, with "LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS" below it in smaller white letters. The tagline "imagine • design • live" is in white. The phone number "702.597.3108" and website "www.southwickla.com" are also present.

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With an awareness of the current need for social distancing and a concern for the safety of our members, AIA Nevada and the NSBAIDRD have made the decision to provide our annual Continuing Education Seminar as a virtual seminar on November 19, 2020, from 8:00am to 5:30pm.

**To register and receive the full 8 hours of C.E./HSW Credits and 2 Code Requirements,
[PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)**

You will receive instructions by email on how to join the seminar as the date nears.

In order to receive credits, you must be registered and in attendance for the presentation.

The registration fee is \$95 for all four sessions.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

*please [click here](#) for descriptions of each seminar

Session 1 - 8:00- 10:00am

Scoping for Accessibility in New and Existing Buildings
 Presented by Todd Snider, SE, CBO / Regional Manager WC3
 Break - 10:00 - 10:15am

Session 2 - 10:15am - 12:15pm

The Future of Design and Its Impact on the Health, Safety and Welfare of All Stakeholders
 Presented by Jared Zurn Jared N. Zurn, AIA, NCARB, CAE, NCARB VP, Examination and

Andy McIntyre, NCARB VP, Marketing & Communications

Lunch - 12:15 - 1:15pm

Session 3 - 1:15 - 3:15pm

Introduction to the IEBC

Presented by Todd Snider, SE, CBO / Regional Manager WC3
 Break - 3:15 - 3:30pm

Session 4 - 3:30 - 5:30pm

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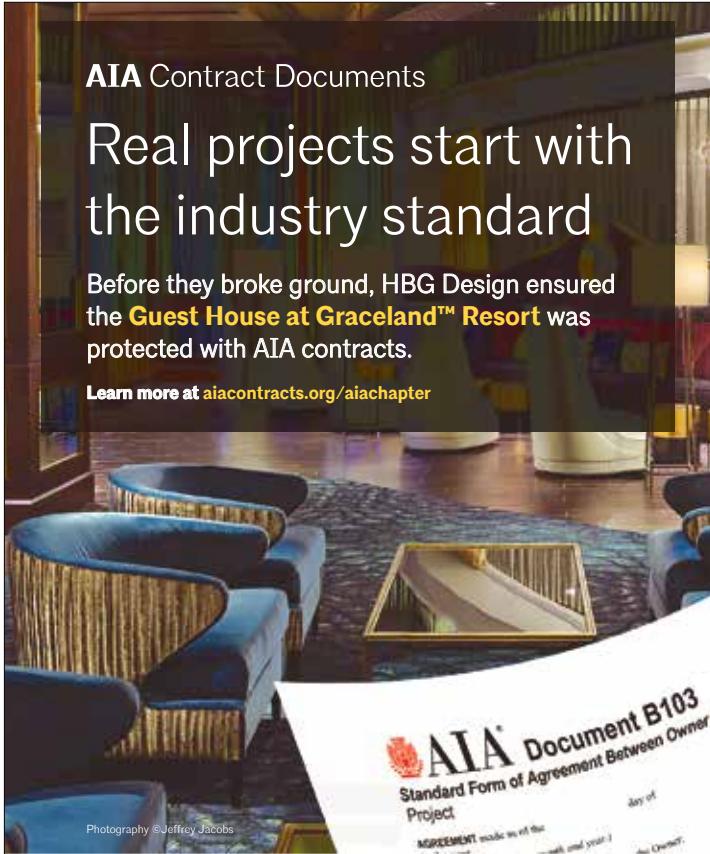
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It is an honor to be elected for service on the Chapter's Board of Directors. Only those members who are most dedicated and have demonstrated a commitment to the AIA qualify for service. The success of our Chapter depends upon having strong leadership, and looking toward the future with a working Board of Directors that is composed of members who understand the value and purpose of the organization, and are willing to commit their time and resources to strengthening the Chapter. We need leaders who move the Chapter forward while upholding and protecting the profession and leading the way for those who are just entering the profession.

Nominations are being taken for three (3) Directors positions. The following outlines some of the requirements for service as a Director on the Board.

Each Director must make a commitment to accept the requirements of service as a priority. As a member of the Board and a leader of the Chapter, Directors are required to attend all AIA Membership Meetings, special events and social functions and to support the Chapter's efforts in all programs. Directors are responsible for the financial security of the Chapter and generating the funding for programs and benefits for members. Directors must know and support the Chapter's mission, goals, programs, member benefits and concerns. They are familiar with the policies and procedures of the Chapter and the Institute, and they act in accordance with these governances. Directors seek out opportunities to be ambassadors for the Chapter and actively work to encourage new members, engage civic and community leaders and positively represent their fellow members and the organization at all times.

If you ...or someone you know Is ready to make this commitment to Chapter leadership, then now is the time to contact the Nominating Committee and become a candidate for service on the Board of Directors. Contact Randy Lavigne, Executive Director via email at rlavigne@aianevada.org or 702-483-3838.

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If you have information you'd like to share or if you'd like to comment on an article, or provide new information or a point of view, please let us know via email to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, rlavigne@aianevada.org



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Dr. Steffen Lehmann, AIA RIBA, RAIA, AoU
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A TRIBUTE TO OUR SPRING 2020 GRADUATING STUDENTS

May has been a time for Virtual Graduation of our Class Spring 2020.

We are so proud of our graduating students – the UNLV School of Architecture Class of 2020.

You are graduating in architecture, interior architecture and design, and in landscape architecture. You all worked so hard for this!

This is an unusual year, with a video recording instead of in-person celebrations.

You graduate at a time when it is important to create a renewed sense of purpose and hope.

We now want you to embark on your journey and to conquer the world with happiness and fulfillment.

Fill the world with your enthusiasm and talent.

Here the link to the Video Tribute to our Graduating Students Spring 2020:

<https://vimeo.com/418832727/c85b289304>

This year, we are graduating 35 undergraduate and 16 graduate students.

SoA Undergraduate Students:

Bachelor of Science in Architecture: 16

Arista, Diane
Artran, Trenton Isaiah
Cray, Jake Hampton
Fajardo-Arroyave, Jairo
Fernandez, Gabrielle
Grider, John Michael
Medina, Jorge
Navarro, Jazmin Isabel
Pasqualotto, Carley Alexa
Pavon, Cindy Sarai
Reynoso, Carlos Eduardo
Rivera, Laura
Saccoliti, Jason Anthony
Solis, Jacquelyn Rose
Takei, Chozan
Wonnacott-Yahnke, Andrew Carl

Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture and Design: 10

Chong, Ching Hong
Cui, Chaney
Gonzalez, Mary Cruz
Hardy, Amanda June
Hernandez, Samantha Christine
Masa, Rebecca Ann
McGillivray, Brianna Lauren
Sanchez, Reyna Marie
Tingey, Alexis
Zhu, Nyx Wenlin

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture: 9

Arnaud, Gerard Belleza
Avendano, Alan
Delgado, Oscar
Do, Lan Nhu
Godinez, Freddy
Moen, Michaela Lee
Nourse, Angelo
Saldana, Jonathan
Young, Randolph

SoA Graduate Students:

Master of Architecture: 14
Alhulaibi, Mohamad
Baker, Landon
Chire-Ortiz, Paola
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Cook, Destanee
Decker, Jesse
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May we introduce the new 2020-2021 AIAS President to you, Michelle Tapia! Michelle will be going into her fourth year at UNLV and she is very excited to serve as the next president of AIAS. She has officially been sworn in and has taken over all responsibilities as president, so if you have any questions, Michelle will be able to help you. You can contact Michelle at tapiam2@unlv.nevada.edu



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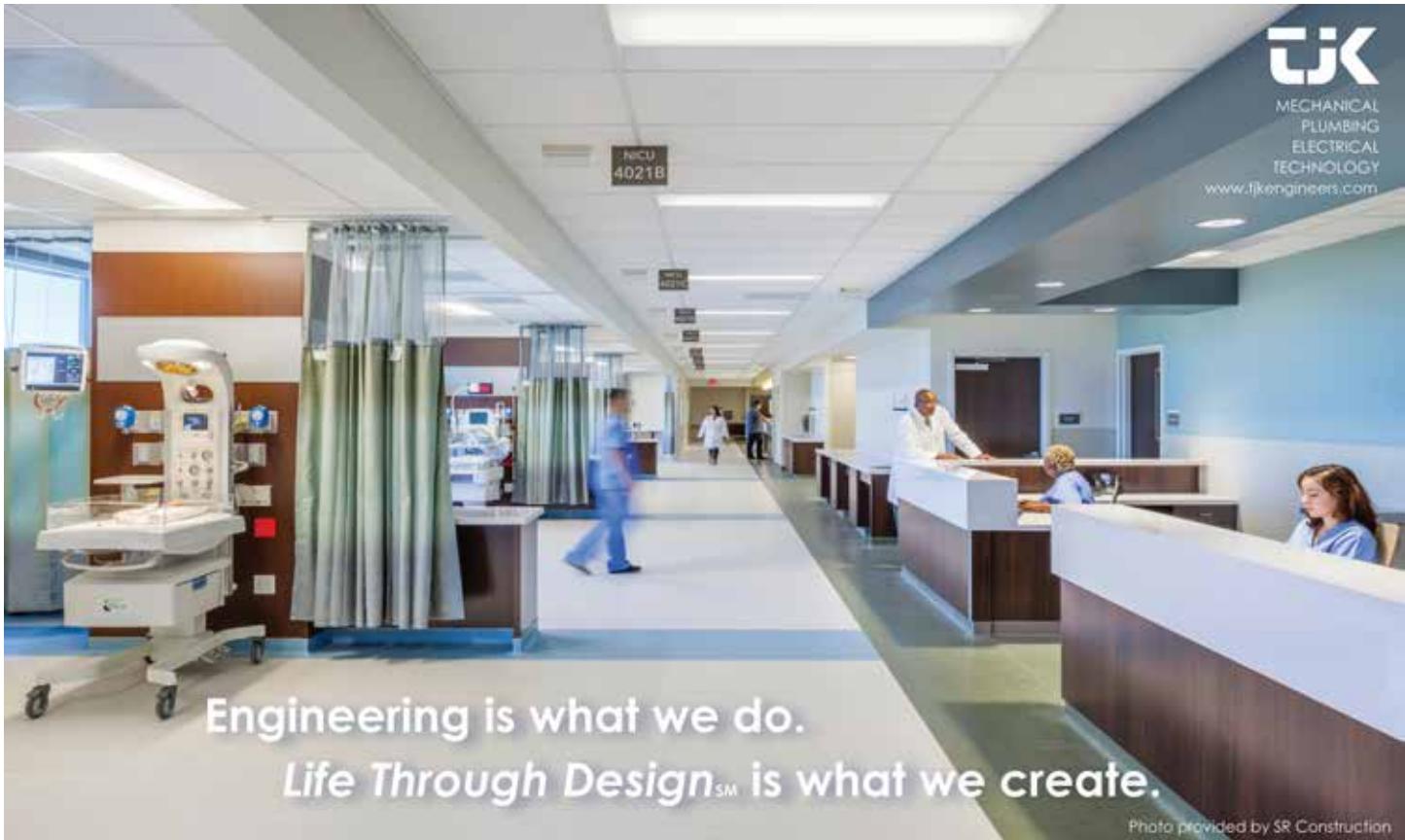


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Ms. Lea is an active member of the community as an Allied Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), U.S. Green Building Council Southern Nevada (USGBC), Impact Las Vegas Giving Circle, and is a Past President for Southern Nevada Public Television/Vegas PBS. Ms. Lea is a supporter of Central and Rekindle Christian Churches and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission.

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KNIT'S NEWEST ARCHITECT, DANNY MCGINNIS, AIA, LEED AP

It's official! I recently passed the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and have joined my fellow architect peers as: "Danny McGinnis, AIA." In my opinion, a momentous accomplishment, and worthy of a reflection on the journey that got me here. Architecture has been a passion of mine since childhood, when building cardboard appliance box houses in the backyard with my brothers was the highlight of my week. Fast forward a few years and I received my degree in architecture. I was fulfilling my childhood dream and was now a real life architect, right? Not so fast – I learned that the journey had just begun. I, and probably many of my peers, have lost count of the number of times friends and family members have commented "I thought you were already an Architect." Yes, I have a degree in architecture, but that's only the beginning of a long journey that got me to where I am today. I have many memories (good and bad, of course) of all-nighters in the studio creating avant-garde designs (that likely could not be built), seemingly endless amounts spent at the bookstore for model building supplies, those grueling presentation critiques that make you almost want to quit, logging real-world experience and countless hours spent studying for the ARE. In my mind, it was all worth it!



Today, having worked in the profession for more than 10 years, my passion for the profession remains steadfast. The title of "Architect" represents a highlight of my journey, and there's no other club that I could be prouder to be a part of. Everyday I continue to learn, grow, and face new challenges. As the accomplished architect, Daniel Libeskind said "In a strange way, architecture is really an unfinished thing, because even through the building is finished, it takes on a new life. It becomes part of a new dynamic: how people will occupy it, use it, think about it".



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Please Register In Advance For This Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-Cppz8uHNVox2wj0p7L869a8vIFRbSt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. You should come to the meeting with your drawing completed and ready to share with the group.

Our theme (or challenge) this month is to draw "Elsewhere: Drawing the world far from home."



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C-PACE FINANCING

The Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-Pace) financing program has been 10 years in the making and the City of Las Vegas is the first jurisdiction in southern

Nevada to offer an incentive program for low cost financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy for new and existing buildings. This program is being produced by the Downtown Vegas Alliance and is focused on explaining the benefits of the City C-Pace program to developers, building owners and design professionals. I think it would be of interest to AIA members who are involved with projects or clients with properties in the City of Las Vegas that might benefit from having access to low-cost financing options to incorporate energy efficiency design measures and renewable energy in their projects. The financing itself can cover up to 100 percent of a building's project cost and often requires no money down. The program is also privately funded and does not rely on taxpayer money.

C-PACE provides a compelling incentive to the Developer to design sustainable buildings, which have an increased resale value, perform better and cost less to operate. C-PACE programs help negate any real or perceived cost 'premiums' for energy efficiency measures or renewable energy and the financing costs are paid for through the energy savings which creates a positive cashflow for the property owner. For architects it is a great way to show your clients that there are affordable ways to provide high performance buildings (15-20% above code minimum) with a quick return on investment.



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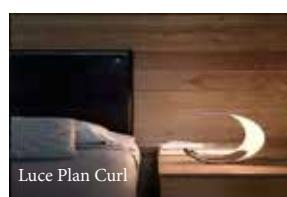
HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS

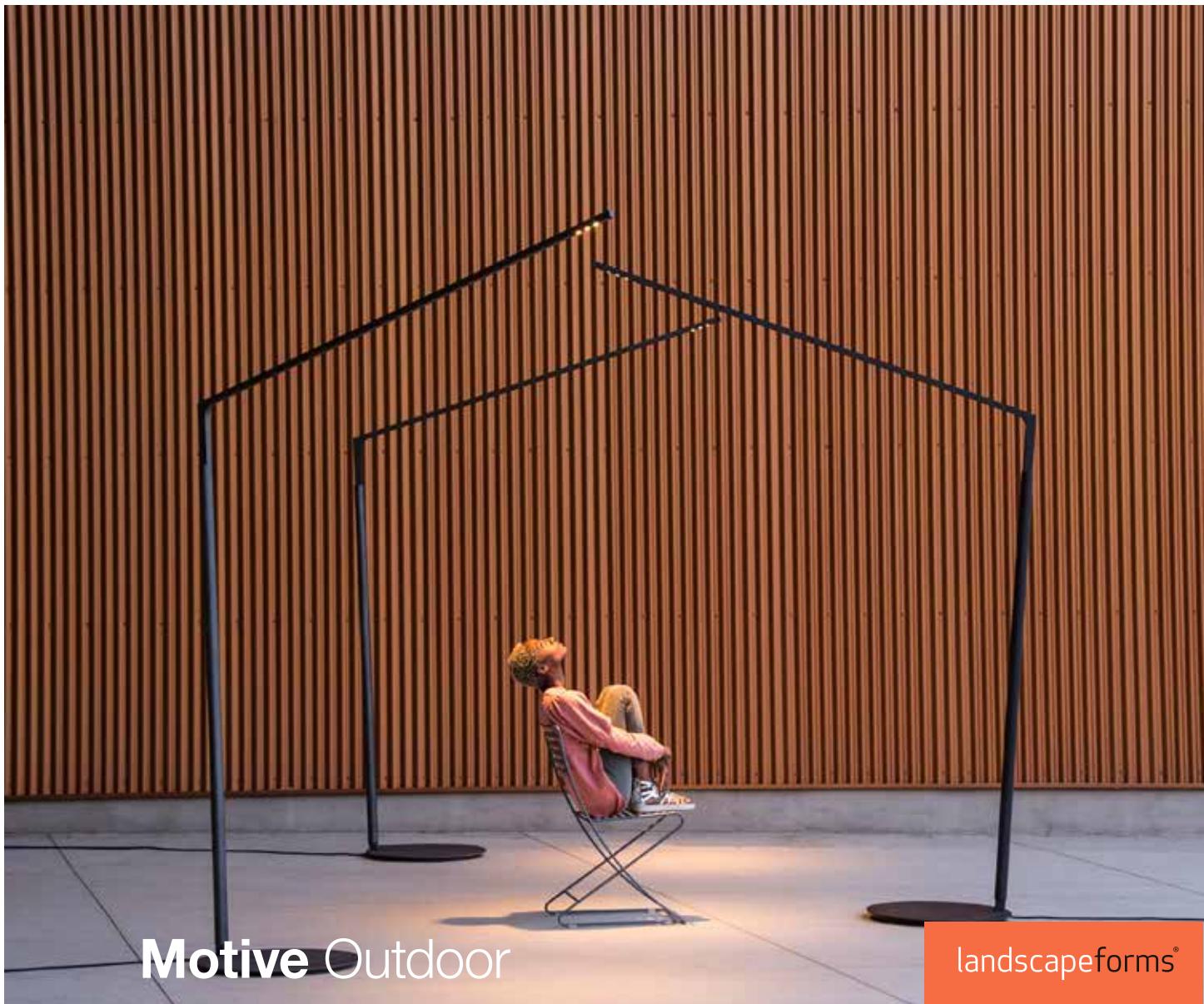
The High School Design Competition was negatively impacted by the continued closure of CCSD schools this year and reduced the number of finalists who completed the competition to two students. The design competition started with 150 students from five schools participating. Congratulations to Ellie Thacker and Kelsey Howryla, both students of Rob Holtfreter, AIA at Faith Lutheran High School, who were able to complete and submit their projects. The extra effort in completing this task was recognized by the committee and both Ellie and Kelsey were rewarded a cash prize of \$300 each. We want to thank all the students, teachers and mentors for their time and efforts on this year's competition, and we plan to proceed with another competition in the fall semester. Since the school closures significantly reduced the number of completed entries as solutions to the "Vegas Sports Hub" challenge, the committee is considering a similar program next year, but with some additional challenges.

We hope that our schools will be open next fall and we'll plan our programs to continue with whatever modifications are required to keep everyone safe. As more information is provided by CCSD as to these modifications the better we can plan our activities to reach out to schools.



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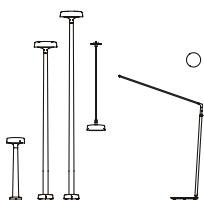
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Matt Seltzer - Market Research

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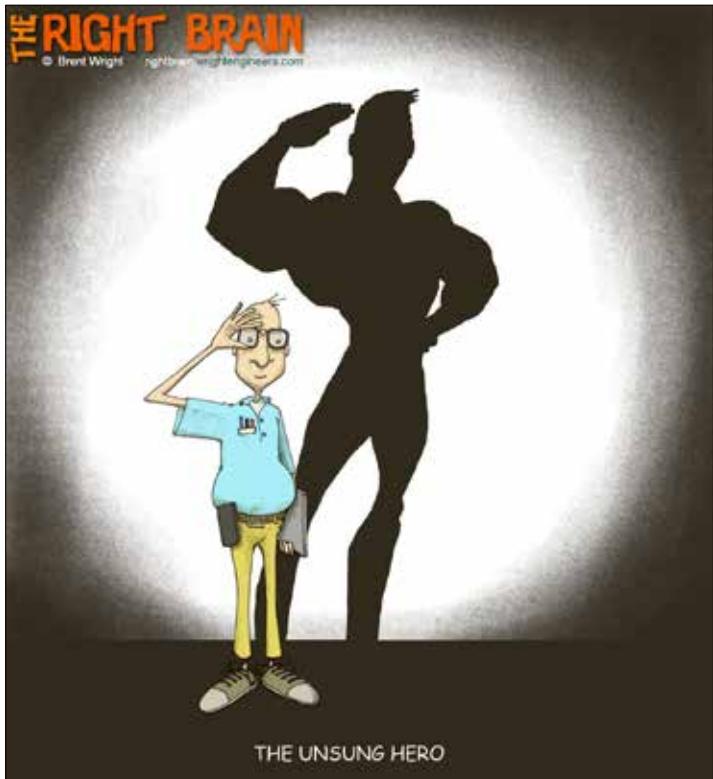
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Building Resilience for the Uncertainty Ahead

Thursday, June 4th | 11am - 12pm MDT

With Katie Finlayson, Workplace Strategist at Herman Miller

Although COVID-19 has been a disruptive influence on what we have known workplace experience to be, it also presents opportunities to reimagine and transform the future for employees and customers alike. In this 45-minute session, we will examine what workplace experience may be in a post COVID-19 world.



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Upcoming Events

(link to register)

Tuesday, June 9th | 11am-12pm MDT
Tenant Disruption: A Focus on Place (Salt Lake City)

Wednesday, June 10th | 11am-12pm MDT
Tenant Disruption: A Focus on Place (Las Vegas)

Friday, June 12th | 11am-12pm MDT
Tenant Disruption: A Focus on Place (Reno)

Thursday, June 18th | 11am-12pm MDT
Organizational Disruption: A Focus on People

Thursday, June 25th | 11am-12pm MDT
What We Are Seeing for Solutions & Products



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For the latest information on Nevada's response to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's latest directives, please refer to [Nevada Health Response](#).

Board Meeting

The June 10, 2020 board meeting will be held virtually. Information about connecting to the meeting virtually will be posted on the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda will be posted June 5 on the [board's website](#), as well as www.notice.nv.gov. If you have any questions or need help connecting to the meeting, please contact the board's office prior to the board meeting.

Residential Design Exam

The August Residential Design Exam is tentatively scheduled for August 13-14, 2020. Exam registration forms are not yet available as it is unknown what testing facilities will be available or what testing procedures will be in place. If you are considering testing in August, please email Nani Aguada at taguada@nsbaidrd.nv.gov so she can keep you up to date on testing. Updates will also be posted on the [board website](#) and social media channels.

NCARB and ARE

As of this writing, Prometric Test Centers in North America remain closed with a planned opening date of May 31, 2020. Once test centers are open, they will be operating at 50 percent capacity in order to keep appropriate socially distancing. To help accommodate test takers, NCARB has implemented a nine-month rolling clock extension to all passed sections of the ARE. NCARB is also offering free rescheduling to ARE candidates.

NCARB is also reminding candidates that seat credits are good for one year. This means the exam must be scheduled in one year; the exam does not have to be taken within the one-year timeframe. If a candidate has a seat credit expiring soon and cannot schedule due to current circumstances, they should call NCARB directly.

To read the latest update on NCARB's services, please visit the [NCARB website](#). To watch the April 30th NCARB Live: ARE Update, please visit the [NCARB YouTube channel](#).

CIDQ and NCIDQ Exam

The April administration of the NCIDQ Exam was cancelled as all Prometric Test Centers were closed. All candidates whose exams were cancelled will automatically have their eligibility rolled over to the fall exam. CIDQ will contact candidates in July regarding scheduling for the fall exam. Additionally, in order to accommodate all test takers in the fall, CIDQ has extended the window for the fall exam to October 1 through November 24, 2020.

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- 1 Fellows Committee Meeting
- 3 Fundraising Committee Meeting
- 9 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 Virtual Urban Sketchers
- 16 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 17 AIA LV Virtual Membership Meeting
Vincent Martino - Net Zero
- 18 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting
- 21 Father's Day
- 23 Education Outreach Committee Meeting

JUL

- 1 Launch Design & Service Awards
- 4 4th of July!!
- 6 Fellows Committee Meeting
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting
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AUG

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